

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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A BOB - HAired SAINT

Like Samson, many have been shorn of their glory—(hair)

Though I should give my body to be burned, and though I should give all my goods to feed the poor, and though I had all faith, and though I had the gift of prophecy, and could speak with the tongues of men and angels, and be forced to give a complete and perfect diagnosis of a saint having bobbed hair, I should fail. Why? Because a real saint of God will not continue to have her hair cut after she has understood God's Word on the matter. There are multiplied thousands of foolish mothers and silly daughters, and many of them holiness folks (so-called), who go to the barber shops and have their God-given hair bobbed, according to the latest worldly fashion, but if I should stop to give you a minute description of their outward appearance, to say nothing about their inward grace, you would say at once, "They are not saints." Why? Christ answers the question: "By their fruits ye shall know them."

You will see them at the opera, theatre, dance halls, movies, at wine and card tables and pleasure resorts. These are largely patronized by a class of men and women, boys and girls who follow the pleasures and fashions of the world. They are of the world, therefore speak they of the world and the world heareth them. 1 John 4:5. In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil. 1 John 3:10. God says, "Be not conformed to the world, neither the things that are in the world." But, come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty. 2 Cor. 6:17, 18. Again, He says, "Love not the world." If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the pride of life is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof; but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever. 1 John 2:15-17. "But whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world." 1 Jno. 5:14. Well, the fashion of bobbed hair is of the world, therefore if you are a bobbed hair saint, you are partaking of the world. I fear you will become like Samson who trifled with the Holy Spirit and dabbled with the devil and became all smeared with sin, and the last thing that he resorted to was to have his hair bobbed. Then God departed from him and he lost his God-given power, and did not know that the Lord had departed from him until it was too late to save his life.—Judges 16:20.

But listen for a minute, you who spend more time reading and studying your magazine and fashion plates than you do reading and studying the Bible, follow me for a moment and I will lead you to a door which will give entrance into a room where you can look upon a perfect "fashion plate" exhibited in the days of the prophet Ezekiel. It caused the captivity of the Israelites and the downfall of the Jewish nation. God had been talking to Ezekiel in regard to unclean practices and abominations that existed in the house of God at that time.

Ezekiel says, "And he brought me to the door of the court, and when I digged in the wall, and behold a door. And he said unto me, Go in and behold the wicked abominations that they do there. So I went in and saw, and behold every form of creeping things, abominable beasts, and all the idols of the house of Israel portrayed upon the walls around about." Ezekiel 8:7-10.

Listen, my dear friend, today in this refined, educated and cultured Christian nation, we not only have the abominations and fashions portrayed (Continued on page 3)

OLD TIME POWER FELL

GRAYSVILLE, Tenn. (July 27)—We have just closed a meeting at this place, which lasted three weeks and a half—about twenty-five nights. I am proud to say that the Lord did a wonderful work. It was the greatest meeting we have ever had at this place. Eleven were saved, eight sanctified and six received the Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence of speaking in tongues as a witness. Seven were reclaimed, eight followed the Lord in water baptism and eight came in the church. Glory to God forever! The writer did the preaching except two nights, and at the water's edge Brother Frank Swaggerty brought a wonderful message, which was enjoyed by many. We had with us Brother Sam Swaggerty and wife who assisted very much in the services and music. With their help we got along fine, the people are stirred up to a great extent. We have a good church here and good interest by the outsiders, so all who read this, please pray for us at this place and for the sinners who are interested about their souls. We closed with several in the altar. Yours for the Lord and lost souls.—E. H. Long, pastor.

25 SAVED ON THE ISLAND

MT. PROV. CHAPELTON P. O., JAMAICA, B.W.I. (July 28)—It affords me great pleasure to send you these few lines, as I have started a new field at this place. The name of the place is Pindas Valley and the Lord has been blessing us here. In fifteen services twenty-five were saved, and many are looking this way. We are building a church which is almost finished now. We are expecting to have an opening on the 25th of August. D.V. Pray for the work here.

Let's Preach The Word In Its Purity

GLEN MORRISON, W. Va. (July 26)—I wish to report victory in my soul this afternoon. I am saved, sanctified and the Holy Ghost still abides. I want to thank the Lord for the church at this place. I came to this place in May and began to preach here and the devil got real mad and tried to make me think that I would not do any good, but the Lord showed me in a vision that I should just hold on. I had a place from the Baptist folks for two weeks and they came to some of the meetings and when they found out what I was preaching, they told me to get out, so I went from house to house and the Lord blessed, so I set a Sunday School in order and wrote for our district overseer to come over and the 3d Sunday in May some were baptized in water and a church was set in order. So we have a good church here with eleven members. I ask all who read this to pray for this church, for it is just in a sanctified state and pray for me as I have just started out in the work of the Lord. Pray that I may preach the Word in its purity. Yours in the Lord.—J. Frank Cook, Box No. 37.

Made To Sit In Heavenly Places

FOLSOM, La. (July 30th)—I want to praise God for deliverance from sin. Tonight my soul is flooded with His blessings. I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

We have just closed a wonderful meeting at Bedico, La., which was a great success. Thirty souls received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Thirty-six came into the Church of God. The meeting ran for four weeks. God blessed from the first service. Brother W. G. Webb of Bogatusa, did most of the preaching. The Lord surely did bless his efforts. We won some members out of the Catholic church. We were

AND PETER

GO TELL MY DISCIPLES AND PETER—(A Special Invitation)

By Homer Simpson
There is something about this wayward, impulsive, childish hearted disciple, Peter, that awakens my interest. He denied his Lord with an oath after walking and talking with Him. I studied him in his failures and became discouraged for I thought, if a man who could be so near Jesus Christ as Peter was on so many wonderful occasions, then deny Him after all the many things He had done for him, it is not strange if we fall in this sinful and adulterous generation. Oh! how careful we ought to walk. Then I studied Peter in his success and I rejoiced, for if a man like Peter, an unlearned and uncultured fisherman, could become the preacher at Pentecost and the writer of the epistles, then there is hope for you and me if we fully submit to the will of God.

There are many reasons why I like Peter. I like him because of his enthusiasm. He had an ardor about him that radiated through everything he did. If he was right, he was enthusiastically right; if he was wrong, he was enthusiastically wrong, and I like such a man. Of course his zeal might have caused him lots of trouble. It is generally true, that it is a bad thing for one to be possessed with zeal without knowledge, but after I have studied the life of Peter, if I had to choose between zeal and knowledge, I would take the zeal, for I am sure that God can take a man's zeal, if he is honest and sincere, and can make it rebound to His honor and glory.

Peter was a brave man though he did deny the Lord in the presence of a little girl, when he said, "I know him not." He also denied Him with an oath. This is all true, but remember that Peter had courage enough to follow Jesus down into the presence of His enemies, and he was the only

one of the disciples who was near his Master in the court room.

AND PETER.—These words which came from an angel's message to the broken-hearted disciples, present one of the sweetest pictures in the Bible, to me. The crucifixion scene is over and the next thing is the angel's message to the disciples, and Peter. The disciples have gathered themselves together after the dark hour is over and are seeking to comfort each other, but I am sure as they were gathered at Jerusalem, there was one who was not in their number. That was Peter. Poor fellow, he must have felt that he was no longer a disciple and that he no longer had a right to the communion and fellowship of the saints. Poor broken-hearted man, he had denied his Lord and I am sure he was the unhappiest man in the world, for he remembered how he had walked and talked with Jesus, and how Jesus loved him. And I know from experience, that after a man has been in fellowship with Jesus and His people, and then denies Him, you can no more expect him to find pleasure in the world than you can expect the prodigal son to go back and try to live on the husk and satisfy himself with the company of the swine. So dear Christian friends, always be ready to help and encourage the poor fellow who has fallen by the way. If there is one in the world who needs pity and encouragement, it is one who stands like Peter, out of communion with his blessed Lord. I imagine when Peter entered the room where the disciples were gathered together, if they had gone to him and had taken his hand and said, Poor Peter, we have heard all about your denial, but we know you too well to think you meant it, and we give you our sympathy and help. I imagine that Peter would (Continued on page three)

SAINTS ON FIRE UNITY WAS MANIFESTED

QUINTON, Ala. (July 20)—Most all the saints are on fire for God at this place. We have a good work started here, Sunday School every Sunday, prayer services twice a week. The Lord was with us in a wonderful way last night. There was shouting, dancing and talking in tongues. Praise His name! I am still feeling good over it. Brother P. F. Fritz, Brother and Sister Stevens and others from Dora, Ala. were with us. Sister Stevens had charge of the prayer service and the Lord surely did bless us. Brother Fritz brought us a message that was food for our souls. I am requesting that everybody pray for us at Praco. Your sister in Christ.—Vernon Hysaw.

HE CAN WORK AND NONE CAN HINDER

Brother J. B. Weeks commenced a revival July 22d at White School-house, seven miles north of Thomasville, Ga. The enemy began to work immediately but thank our God He is greater than the enemy. He can work and no one can hinder. Victory is coming God's way. Two have received the Holy Ghost, three sanctified and five have been reclaimed.

The interest is great, and we believe the Lord is going to give us a great victory in Thomas County, Ga. Pray much for these services.—S. T. Goza.

made to sit in heavenly places several times. Pray for the work at this place.—Wilson Sharp, pastor.

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HE GIVES JOY AND COMFORT

McCRORY, Ark (July 31st)—I wish to speak a few words for my King Jesus. I thank God for the sweet Holy Ghost which abides in my heart now, and for the strength He daily gives me, and for the joy, gladness and comfort which He gives me each day. I want to tell of a two weeks meeting that has just closed here.

Brother E. H. Taylor, our pastor, came the third Sunday in July and began a revival which lasted two weeks. Brother Lenly, Brother Clark and Brother Dan Matherson answered the call and came over to help us. We were sorry that Brother Lenly could be with us only a few nights. Both saint and sinner seemed to love him from the very first. The Word was preached under the mighty power of God, and you could see conviction in the faces, but they would not give up. Only a few came to the altar. One was saved. I believe if those brethren could have stayed longer, there would have been lots of hearts opened to Jesus. We hope to have these men of God with us again. We are glad for anyone, who stands for the Truth and the Bible rightly divided, to come and be with us.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. J. R. Rey.

Do And Say More For The Lord

GILL, W. Va. (Feb. 18)—I have been thinking for some time that I would write the Evangel for the first time, as I have been a reader of it for nearly a year and enjoy it very much, for it is food to my soul, and I want to do more for Him, He has saved me, sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost and I spake in other tongues as the Spirit gave the utterance.

We have no Church of God here, but we stand for its teachings, for it is the Bible way. There are about ten of us who stand for God and His Word. Pray that we may hold high the blood-stained banner of Jesus. We are praying for some Church of God preacher to come and hold us a meeting. Your brother.—Lucian Adkins.

ISLANDS CALLING FOR PREACHERS

I have just received a good letter from W. V. Eneas of Nassau, Bahamas. He seems to be greatly encouraged. I will give a few excerpts from his letter: "We are having wonderful meetings all around from island to island. We have workers on about ten islands and the people everywhere are calling for Church of God preachers, but we can't supply the demand. Many of the saints that went with Brother Tomlinson have come back home."

I am sure that all will be glad to learn of the good work on the islands. If the churches would comply with the action of the Assembly concerning Missions we could help the work on the islands, but only two or three states are showing any interest in this. I believe I will tell you that Florida is in the lead. This is because the pastors and state overseers are in perfect harmony with the Assembly.

Perhaps some states try to console themselves by crying "hard times." I do not know of any state that is suffering more than Florida.

Some of the panic stricken islands are doing more for missions than some of the states. How can we succeed in reaching out if the churches will not try to carry the plans inaugurated by the Assembly?

Every church should determine the amount of tithes received since the Assembly, then raise five percent of this amount by offerings to be used for missions.—F. J. Lee.

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THE ABOUNDING GRACE OF GOD

Therefore Being Justified by faith, we have peace with God

Rom. 5:1
Much more then, being now justified by his blood we shall be saved from wrath thru him. Verse 9.

Look at these two readings and shout, all ye that are wearing the handle of grace, all ye who have been saved from the wrath of God thru the abounding Grace of God. This is faith on our part and the BLOOD on His part. Oh the abounding grace of God. Here is enough grace to save every weary, heavy-laden, sin-cursed, sick, benighted son and daughter of Adam's lost race.

We do not know the hell that is raging in men's hearts. From the surface we look upon fine manners, fine homes and the elegant clothing and imagine they are prosperous and should be satisfied, when perhaps the darkest crimes of history are wrapped up in their hearts. It is a great thing to be free from sin and condemnation. Hallelujah! I can afford to be sick and destitute of temporal things; I can afford to see my little ones hungry around my fireside; I can afford to suffer all kinds of hardships, but I cannot afford to be a sinner. Nay, I cannot afford to go back to the pleasures of this world and leave the abounding GRACE of God. Nay, I cannot afford to be without the BLOOD on my soul. Sin is the most terrible thing in the universe. Men who are in sin do not love God and His Bible; men do not enjoy God and His Word of Truth, neither God's people, or His Church. If they did, all we would have to do would be to build churches, throw open the doors and invite the public in and they would throng them. No, men do not love God; men cannot love God until they are born again, by the Spirit. Why do men commit murder? Because they do not accept the grace of God. Why do Christians go to sleep and take no interest in the services of God and the salvation of souls? Because they fail of the grace of God.

Now Paul not only gives a picture of sin, but has a remedy for all manner of sin and uncleanness. He uses here, the GREAT word JUSTIFICATION, and says by it we have peace with God. Justification is the grandest display of infinite mercy that God has ever presented to the human race.

We cannot understand how God can be just and acquit sinners: how that He can pardon men and maintain his honesty and character is a mystery to the world, but thank God He has angels and archangels: His infinite throne must be upheld by righteousness and He cannot look lightly upon sin. Yea, His infinite holiness must search it. It matters not how He justifies and purifies us, thank God it is a positive fact, and in order to do it, He had to bid farewell to the Son of His bosom, and the Son of His love; He had to let Him hang on the cross amid the angry Roman mob, while the sun refused to shine. Out from His broken heart He calls upon the Father for help; His soul was troubled and He was in the jaws of death. If you want to see what sin is, look at Calvary; if you want to see how terrible sin is, look upon the dying Christ, making possible the plan of redemption. If reformation, church joining, and water baptism could have brought salvation, such a sacrifice would not have been made. Nay, this heart breaking scene of the cross would never have been pictured, but there is no way back to God's holiness only by faith thru His blood. You cannot fathom it, you can't see into it to fully explain it, but bless God we can experience it. He acquits us in the throne room of the infinite and we cry "Abba father." Here angels make us happy and bells begin to ring. Our souls have been converted and we know that our Redeemer liveth. When the devil comes around you with all of your past sins on a scroll, and (Continued on page three)

We give God all the praise for the success of this meeting. And may He bless the many hungry souls, some of which came for over one hundred miles.—Bun E. Hicks.

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We invite all the workers to send us reports of interest from the battlefield, if nothing else, a postal card telling where you are this week.

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Editorials

The following card just received from Brother Lee:

"Dear Brother: I left Forrest City, Ark. Sunday night. Arrived at Weatherford Monday about 3:00 p. m. The camp meeting is wonderful, the greatest attendance of any previous meeting. Many are receiving the Holy Ghost at most every service. I am preaching on the 'chart' every day, also I preach every night. The hot weather is hard on me. They say that the thermometer runs over 100 here. I go to Lawton next Monday. Will be there till Wednesday night, then start home. These are very fine folks.

There isn't a single book on the ground. I am sure they could have sold many if someone had ordered them. Yours as ever, F. J. Lee."

Our dear Brother Lee is visiting the West solely in the interest of the church. It has been rumored by some who are always ready to mislead others, that he has gone West for his health. This precious man of God made the trip solely in the interest of the church and in the discharge of his duty of a faithful overseer.

H. L. Whittington and E. M. Ellis were callers at this office, having some job work done, and making preparations for their coming revival at East Chattanooga.

The meeting at Etowah is progressing fine. The reports are that Sister Morrow is doing some good preaching which is being enjoyed by hundreds who are attending the services.

Many good reports are still coming in from the fields. Hundreds are receiving the blessing.

The 23d Annual Assembly will convene at the Church of God Auditorium Oct. 22d-28th, 1928. We are looking for the largest crowd that has ever attended this great annual feast. Make your preparations now to attend the Assembly.

We wish to thank our many friends for their hearty cooperation in the orphanage work. We have sixty odd orphans at this writing, and the donations have been ample. We feel that the orphans have been cared for in every way. School will start Sept. 1st, and clothes will have to be furnished as they will have to have school clothes. We make an earnest appeal to our people to cooperate with us in this time of need in order that we may prepare these children for school. Anything you may send in will be highly appreciated.

Nineteen hundred, twenty-eight work for the Assembly, in nine weeks from now, will be in the past and it seems that it has been only a few months as we have been so busy trying to make everything pay. We wish to take this opportunity to thank our many friends for their cooperation in the work—job printing and book making. If our people would give the Publishing House all their printing, this business would go by leaps and bounds. I will say right here, that the business has paid this year, and the people will be pleased with the report, I am sure. We earnestly ask that the people close their ears to rumors and false reports, but take facts and figures which will be presented at the Assembly, for the success of the business this year.

A report from Sister A. Gann, of Atlanta, Ga.: "Aug. 9. Good revival, nine received the Holy Ghost, several

reclaimed, revival still in progress."

I notice a typographical error in our advertisement for calendars. It should be 1929 calendars instead of 1928.

FAITH AND SALVATION

Be satisfied to have a faith that can hold in its hand this one truth: "While we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly." He laid down His life for men while as yet they were not believing in Him, nor were able to believe in Him. He died for men—not as believers, but as sinners. He came to make these sinners into believers and saints, but when He died for them He viewed them as utterly without strength. If you hold to the truth that Christ died for the ungodly, and believe it, your faith will save you, and you may go in peace. If you will trust your soul with Jesus, who died for the ungodly, even though you can not believe all things, nor move mountains, nor do any other wonderful works, yet you are saved. It is not great faith, but true faith, that saves; and the salvation lies, not in the faith but in the Christ in whom faith trusts. Faith as a grain of mustard seed will bring salvation. It is not the measure of faith, but the sincerity of faith, which is the point to be considered. Surely a man can believe what he knows to be true; and as you know Jesus to be true, you, my friend, can believe in Him.—Sel.

Stand Still And See The Salvation of God

SLATON, Tex. (July 24)—I wish to sound a note of praise thru the Evangel for the two weeks' meeting at Bula, Tex. This meeting was conducted by T. E. Anthony, pastor at Lubbock, Tenn. He certainly gave forth some real Gospel sermons, the Holy Ghost directing, and God gave the results. Five were saved, three sanctified, two received the Holy Ghost and one was reclaimed and others are looking this way. God blest in a wonderful way in every effort that was put forth. We had good singing, good music—piano, drum, tambourine and guitar, also we had many fiery testimonies. A Baptist man drove up to our camp Friday afternoon and commanded the church doors, in which we were holding the meeting. Brother Anthony announced in service every night that our meeting would close Saturday night, but there never was a word returned, so Friday night the Baptist people took charge of the tabernacle and started their meeting. We went on back to their meeting and asked the Lord to have His way, and I declare to you God took hold and the Baptist preacher preached the Word with power and stayed on the Bible and in harmony with the Church of God doctrine, but still he did not have the Holy Ghost. He told his members if they did not like it, he couldn't help it, and wasn't going to try to help it, because it was Bible and he could not get around it. Glory! No need for any one to fight, just stand still and see the salvation of the Lord. He said in His Word if we would lift Him up He would draw all men unto Himself. We are still thanking God for that undertaking. If our God permits, we are going to the State Camp Meeting at Weatherford, if not, I am going to get out in another battle for God, for that is

THE GOSPEL CONVINCES

FERNDAL, Fla.—We have just closed a meeting at Zellwood, Fla. It continued for three weeks. Brother Tom Godwin of Orlando, did the preaching for the first week and a half. He had sore eyes and had to quit so we took hold and the Lord blessed. Souls were stirred and came to the altar, wept and prayed for forgiveness. Several were saved and sanctified, six added to the church, six baptized in water and one more to follow. Among the number was a Baptist man and his wife. He said when he began to come to the services, he thought he had all the Lord had for him as he had been forgiven, but as my husband was preaching, he got his eyes opened to the Holy Ghost and threw away his tobacco and began to seek the Lord for a deeper experience. He joined the Church of God and was baptized in water. I praise the Lord for the old-time Gospel that convinces men and women of the truth.—Mrs. E. E. Simmons, pastor's wife.

Wonderful Revival Result of Much Prayer

TAMPA, Fla. (July)—"Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us but unto thy name give glory for thy mercy and for thy truths' sake." Psa. 115:1.

Truly we are giving God praise for His blessings in Tampa. Ever since Brother Scott was sent to us as pastor, we have been planning and praying for a revival in our midst. We all know that darkness is upon us and the enemy is fighting hard, but we have a leader who can give victory if we have faith. Our Father in Heaven is still on His throne to answer His children when they call.

For several weeks, all the church met at night just for prayer; every morning at 10:00 o'clock they met at the homes and prayed "believing" that God Himself would undertake. We have some good workers to assist, but God sent Brother Self with his chart and the real revival began, which was four weeks ago, and closed last night. All the wonderful messages that were given out in the power of the Holy Ghost and found rest in hearts to build up the saints, convict sinners and edify all who heard them. We praise God for the sacrifice Brother Self and his good wife made to ride fifty miles each night for this great Gospel's sake. It made us weep and praise God for true soldiers like these on the field of battle. O I feel the fire burning in my soul now and the refreshing showers of His grace and do magnify His name. Then Brother and Sister Haynes from Ohio came. He led singing and it was certainly fine, also Sister Haynes' very presence was helpful and inspiring. Thank God for them in our midst. We would mention also that dear old Mother Cotton is still working to win souls and to hold up the standard of the Church and this Gospel way. She has been giving us Bible studies for several months every Wednesday afternoon at our sisters' meeting. Again we thank God for Sister Watts from Cleveland and her two daughters. We surely appreciate their work in the church since they have been here. Saints around from other churches were with us at times. It was a great feast of good things and sweet to mingle in fellowship. Well there were praise services, shouting, singing, praying, dancing all with the great Holy Ghost power, for God surely was in our midst. One night Brother Self did not get to preach at all. Thirteen received the Holy Ghost, several were saved and sanctified, and the church was greatly revived, and will have baptizing Sunday with reception of members, Lord's Supper and feet washing 1st Sunday in May. We all love Brother Scott, his dear wife and family. Our deacons are faithful and true. All the work is moving on. We feel all the membership will move forward and strive more than ever to be ready to meet Jesus in the air. Hallelujah! Yours in the battle.—Rosa B. Murphy.

LET US LIVE CLOSE TO GOD

W. FRANFORD, Ill. (July 28)—I promised God if He would heal my baby's body I would testify to it thru the paper, and I want to praise Him for healing and keeping me sweet in my soul.

My companion and I are saved and sanctified and living as close to the Lord as we know how, and I ask all the saints of God to pray for us, that we may receive the precious Holy Ghost and remain numb at the feet of Jesus. Your brother in Christ.—Lawrence Rich.

where my heart longs to be. We look over the fields and see the harvest is ripe and laborers are few. He said in His Word, He that winneth souls is wise. I truly believe it means something to get souls to God and keep them out of the burning hell. Pray for the souls at Bula and the ones that came thru to God, that He will keep His hands upon them and lead them on.—Miss Willie Mae Hargrove.

THE FIRE IS STILL BURNING

NOCATEE, Fla. (July 27th)—We have just closed a wonderful revival here. Brother Walter Whidden was with us most of the time, and did some real good preaching. He seemed to be at his best for the Lord. We were glad to have Brother and Sister Mann with us for two weeks. They rendered good service. Brother Louis Ford was with us for a few services and did some good preaching also. It is said that it was the best meeting that was ever held at Nocatee. Twelve were saved, fifteen sanctified, ten received the Holy Ghost, fifteen baptized in water and twenty-one came into the Church. Eternity alone will tell the good that was done in this meeting. The fire is still burning and the end is not yet.—W. M. Austin, pastor.

Let Us Work While It Is Day

LAWTON, Okla. (July 28)—I praise the Lord for the way He has been blessing in the state of Oklahoma, even since I have been out here. The first meeting I attended after coming to Oklahoma was at this place, and I must say we had some wonderful services—one lasting until after midnight. The saints seemed to be greatly edified and the church received some true blue members. People received the Holy Ghost that had been seeking Him for years. The report showed eight saved, seven sanctified and nine filled with the Holy Ghost.

The next meeting was held at Mand, and we found plenty to do there. The people were having an oil-boom revival when we arrived, so it was difficult to get a place to stay, i. e. without crowding the saints too much. A good man who was not a member of the church gave \$150.00 for the construction of a parsonage, so Brother Hicks, Brother Hall and I, with the help of others went to work both day and night, building a brush arbor parsonage, preaching, praying, singing, testifying, shouting and enjoying the presence of the Lord. The meeting was a success in different ways. The report only showed about eighteen saved, fourteen sanctified and eight filled with the Holy Ghost and some of them turned back during the meeting but we believe some are doing their best to serve the Lord with a whole heart. Brother Hall and the saints seem to have put on new zeal and we look for one of the best Churches of God there of any place in the state. We came by Ardmore on our way back to Lawton and found Brothers Kerce and Plake engaged in a tent meeting there and the interest was good.

Say, all you preachers that need a job preaching, come to Oklahoma and show the Pentecostal people what the most of them are looking for—government. We began a meeting down in the country toward the Texas line among the Nazarenes this past week and the interest is good already. We are expecting a good work there. I wonder how many that reads this are planning to attend the next term of the Bible School? I count the three winters I spent in Cleveland the most beneficial of my life. I am sure you will feel the presence of the Lord there. Let us work for Him while it is day, "for the night cometh when no man can work." Yours for lost souls.—George A. Douglas.

HIS UNSEEN EYE IS UPON US

McDONALD, Tenn. (June 4)—This morning finds me enjoying the Lord. I am glad I ever gave Him my heart. I am glad because I listened to the voice of God when He spoke to me, and He saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost.

I cannot see why people are so heedless, going on trampling the mercies of God under their feet, realizing and knowing they have to meet Him and give an account of the deeds done in their bodies. I know the Lord could get along without me, but I cannot get along without Him. He is so precious to me! Let this old world go, but give me Jesus. I love the Lord today above everything else in this world. His unseen hand cares for us when we forget Him.

I have felt the Lord calling me into His vineyard ever since I was a child. I know I haven't done much for Him, but am always willing to do my part, God being my helper. If I cannot do the great things for the Lord I want to do the little things. Let me speak just a few words to the young folks, as I am young myself and know more about them than I do older folks: If the Lord is talking to your heart, do not turn Him away because you are young, thinking you will have plenty of time yet, and that you aim to give Him your heart some day, when you have a little more of this world's pleasures. Listen, dear friends, the young die, as well as the old. Maybe the Lord will call for you when you are out somewhere in this old sinful world having a good time (as you think). There is no time then to prepare, God has called for you, and you MUST go. O God, help us to think as for eternity.

I am so glad that I ever learned to trust God with both soul and body. If He does not see fit to heal us when

WALKING IN THE OLD PATH

BECKFORD KROAL, Jamaica.—The work on the island of Jamaica is coming to the front. We are thankful for the Church of God over here. God is blessing the work in a wonderful way. This church is the only thing that could give the colored people deliverance on this side of the world. Jer. 6:16 says we must ask for the old path where is the good way, and walk therein and ye shall find rest for your soul.

The work at this place is moving on nicely. The dear Lord is blessing for there are many in other churches who seek for the old path and they find it, also rest for their souls, and they decide to go on this way with us. There was a dear mother who was a member of the Baptist church for over sixty years and she has stepped out, she with her son, daughter and grand-daughter, over into the Church of the living God. She desires the sincere prayers of the dear saints.

Eighteen have been added to our number this year. The Lord is also blessing us in building a little tabernacle 20 x 30, for which we are thankful. Also many who were sick have been healed by the mighty power of God thru His humble servant, Z. Rodney. We in Jamaica are thankful that God, thru the officials at headquarters sent Brother Thomas to see the work on the island. Since his arrival on the island, he has been to this place twice, and preached some wonderful sermons. We believe he is a God-sent man and will stick close to the work that God has for him to do.

I will say a word here about the first convention that was ever held on the island for the Church of God. The convention was held in the District of Tay Mount, beginning the fourth of July. It opened at 7:00 p. m. with songs and prayers. The welcome address was given by T. Mondie. At 8:00 p. m. a message on the Holy Ghost by Z. R. Thomas. On Thursday July 5th at 8:30 a. m. songs and prayers. 9:00 a. m. call of the churches by pastors. It seems from the talks made by the different ministers concerning their churches, that God is really working. 11:00 a. m. instructions to ministers by the overseer. Many good things were said. At 1:30 p. m. songs and prayer. 2:00 p. m. message on love by A. J. Davidson, and one on prayer by M. Smith. 3:00 p. m. message on obedience by L. Brown. 3:50 p. m. message on unity by the writer. 7:30 p. m. song and prayers. 8:00 a. m. message on the church by the overseer.

Friday, July 6th, 8:30 a. m. songs and prayers. 9:00 a. m. message on how to evangelize in a new field by H. G. Hudson. 9:30 a. m. message on repentance by R. J. Williams. 10:00 a. m. Message on divine healing. 10:30 a. m. message on living holy. 11:00 a. m. message on the seventeen evils by the overseer. 1:30 p. m. songs and prayers, testimonies and healing service. 7:30 p. m. songs and prayers. Different speakers were selected. We desire the prayers of all the saints.

—Yours under the blood, S. A. Robertson, pastor.

We get sick He can take us on to Gloryland where all is joy, peace and gladness. Praise the Lord forever!

We, as Church of God people should not forget to pray for those who do not know God and His love. Remember, someone prayed for us one day. These few lines are written for the glory of God, and I hope they may be a help to someone. I need your prayers.—Ida Scoggins.

CLING FIRMLY TO THE ROCK

HAZLEHURST, Ga. (June 26)—I am still praising God for victory over sin and the devil. I have the joy bells still ringing in my soul, glory to God in the highest, good will toward men! Praise His name! I am trusting Him for both soul and body. I promised the Lord if He would heal me I would testify thru the Evangel.

I fell and got hurt when grinding cane, and I must have broken some of my ribs, for I could hardly turn in bed. The dear Lord healed me, for which I give Him the praise. Also I had an awful attack of asthma and trusted God. He touched my body and I want every child of God to pray for me that I may be entirely healed. I have been healed many times, and I truly want to hold on until the race is run, so pray for me that I may hold out.

I am saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and am on fire for God, also I trust the Lord for the healing of my children. Pray for me.—Loia Britt.

ENCOURAGED TO BE FAITHFUL

MILTON, W. Va. (July 25)—I feel it a duty to God and His blessed Son to offer Him praise thru the Evangel for the glorious manner in which He blessed us in the Huntington District Convention. The saints gathered from different parts of the district, meeting at the Shrewsbury church. It seemed they had left all trouble and even the devil himself seemed to be absent, but I guess that it was because he tried so hard to defeat me the night before. I had just returned from a trip over in Raleigh County and took a very sick spell with chills and a very high fever, and the saints gathered in and prayed for me. I was unable to go to church on Saturday night, but Sunday morning God was gradually renewing my strength. I was able to get to the house of God. The house was soon filled and service was opened with songs and prayer, then the moderator arose and entered the stand. A holy hush seemed to fall upon all present, then he proceeded to read the 119th Psalm. By the close of the reading the glory and power of God was distilling upon us like the dew of Mount Hermon. O such a sweetness as we seldom find anywhere! Surely the devil had been defeated the night before and driven back. No signs of discord were felt, it seemed to be just glory, glory, glory! After a very short exhortation by the moderator to reverence God and give Him glory and thanks, opportunity was given for testimony and they were all ripe and mellow with the love of God, and so much enjoyed as the waves of glory swept over the entire audience, which was just about all Christians, in fact they all looked good that day to the writer. This was followed by a wonderful message by Brother W. M. Rumber of Tarpon Springs, Fla. subject, "Ye are my witnesses." He named some of the faithful witnesses of old, as Daniel, Elijah, Martin Luther and other heroes of God who would not take down, but really were witnesses indeed for God. It made us want to be faithful. Adjourned for noon.

At 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon, services opened again with songs and prayer and continued testimonies, which was followed by a fine sermon by Brother Arthur Cope, subject, "Keeping the Commandments." This was followed by Brother Omar Linder who made a fine talk, and brought out some good things that we will long remember. Next was a short but wonderful message by Brother W. M. Rumber. (Continued on page four)

THE STORY OF THE CHEROKEES

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Most every youth and older ones as well love history. We well remember, while in our school-days, we learned of a race of men that lived in this (our own beloved America) country of today. We call these men "red men" or Indians. We often ask the question, "Where are the 'red men' who once lived here?" We would like to say more on this subject, but space is limited.

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NOTICES & SPECIALS

If there are any who want to come down here to hold a meeting, we have an arbor built and two acres of land ready to be deeded to the Church of God near Taff, Ala. If anyone feels led to come and hold a revival, notify E. M. Wells, Rt. 2, Gaylesville, Ala. We would like to know the whereabouts of Brother J. A. Tant.—Dora Wells.

The North Carolina State Camp meeting will convene at Washington church camp-ground, seven miles north of Washington, N. C. Sept. 13th to 23d. Everybody is invited to come. Those coming to camp may bring blankets and sheets. A restaurant will be on the ground. Camping will be free. Those who will come and bring their music and help in the meeting and the preachers who come and work, or anyone helping, to amount to anything, will get their board free. Don't forget the date—Sept. 13th to 23d. For any information you may write, A. L. Crisp, Rt. 3, Box 37, Washington, N. C.

The Statesville District meeting will be at Kannapolis, N. C., beginning August 31st and will continue to Sept. 2d—three days. We are expecting a good time. All are invited. Sunday we will have all day service and dinner will be served on the ground.—J. M. Snyder, District pastor.

A revival will begin at Mt. Zion, out from Indianola, Miss., on Saturday night before the 4th Sunday in August. Brother S. S. Monroe in charge. Everybody is invited to come, and especially some good preachers for we need some preachers to help out in the meeting. Lots of people are interested. We had a week's meeting in July, but the people are not satisfied, they are calling for another revival. Seven have already received the Holy Ghost in the other one. Come and help us. Yours in Christ.—C. B. Stewart, clerk.

Notice to all the churches in Ala.

J. J. Bradberry, Boaz, Ala., has been appointed state treasurer of the mission fund, on account of R. E. Aldridge, former treasurer moving from the state. I would be glad all the pastors would get behind your missionary collections, as there has been very little done this year for missions in Alabama. Send half of it to Cleveland, to the General Secretary and half to J. J. Bradberry, Boaz, Ala., according to the ruling of the last Assembly. Don't forget the state convention which will convene at Anniston, Ala. August 31st-Sept. 2d. We hope all the preachers can be present with good reports. Brother F. J. Lee will be with us during the convention.—S. J. Heath, overseer.

I wish to announce that a revival will begin at the Church of God at Poplar Grove, Ark. the 26th of Aug. also a singing school will begin the 13th of August before the meeting. We invite all that will to come and be with us in the school and meeting. I ask all that know the value of prayer to pray that God will bless at this time, and that many will pray thru time to God.—Willie George Mims, pastor.

The Miami District Meeting will begin on Friday night before the 4th Sunday in August and will continue thru Sunday, with our State Overseer, Brother J. A. Self, in charge. We expect to have dinner on the ground on Sunday. Come one and all. You are welcome, we are expecting a grand time in the Lord. This is the second time for a meeting like this to be held at Riviera, Fla. Don't forget the place and date. Thy brother in the Lord. Humbly, J. L. Dorman, pastor.

Everybody come to the Church of God at East Chattanooga, Tenn. Aug. 19th. We will have Home Coming and Sunday School rally day. You are

cordially invited. Some one will make a talk on Sunday School.—C. J. Hindman.

REQUESTS

CARYVILLE, Fla. (Aug. 2)—I want to ask the saints to pray for me that I may be saved. The Lord healed me last year for which I give Him the praise, also pray for my unsaved husband.—Mrs. H. F. Matthews.

I am writing this morning to the saints, asking that you help me pray. I need the prayers of God's children. I have a dear husband whom I love. He is in sin, but he has asked all to pray for him. The law has had its effect, and he says he wants to come home. His name is Madison Morris. Please remember him when you pray. Minnie L. Morris, Thomasville, N. C.

I am requesting prayer thru the Evangel for my boy that is in the army on the Hawaiian Islands and is sick. He wants to come home, but they will not let him. God can do all things, and we are asking Him to deliver our boy and send him home to us, also to save his soul.—Annie Scaif, E. Main St. 64 Keystone, Johnston City, Tenn.

Don't Neglect The Gift That Is Within You

To the saints everywhere, greetings: No doubt some have wondered what had become of me, as I have been silent so long. I have been enjoying the happy privilege of farm life for about six months, but best of all, I still have salvation. At the time of this writing, I am located here at Coconut Grove, Fla. as their pastor, so I need your prayers for I feel the responsibility is great. Very often I think of the happy days I spent in Bible School, what cheerful memories as I think of those songs we sang! And many other things too numerous to mention, that have been a blessing to me. Listen, Bible students, those who are preachers, "don't neglect the gift that is within you," as I feel I have partly done, but let us keep it stirred up and comply with my little song:

The Lord is calling preachers
To hasten to the field;
And preach His Word with boldness,
The sickle bravely wield.
No time for idle talking,
Nor just to make a "speel,"
O preachers, keep on preaching
And bring in the yield.

CHORUS

Preachers, keep preaching,
Wherever you may go;
Preachers, don't compromise
Nor make a "speel" for show.
Preachers, keep preaching,
And let the wayward know
That Jesus can save them,
And make them white as snow.

The day is swiftly passing,
The night is coming on;
The shadows now are falling,
I'm sure it can't be long,
Till there's no time for preaching
Among the sleeping throng;
O preachers, keep preaching
In sermon and in song.

O if you keep on preaching,
Until you're called to die;
I'm sure you'll not regret it,
When from this world you fly;
To meet your blessed Savior,
Who heard your every cry;
O preachers, keep preaching
Until you say good-bye."

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On the walls, but we have a literal personal demonstration of the facts in our public streets, courtrooms, libraries, high schools, seminaries, colleges and I am forced to say between the church walls of our public worship, God pity us as a Christian nation. But I promised to give you a pen picture of the fashion plate in the days of Ezekiel and Isaiah, which caused the ruin and downfall of the Jewish nation. See Isa. 3:16-22. This is the curse that preceded their captivity: Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with stretched forth necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing they go, and making a tinkling with their feet; therefore, the Lord will smite with a scab the crown of the head of the daughters of Zion and the Lord will discover their secret parts. In the day the Lord will take away the bravery of their tinkling ornaments about their feet, and their cauls and their round-tires like the moon. The chains and the bracelets and the muffers and the bonnets, and ornaments of the legs, the headbands and the tablets and the earrings, the rings, and the nose jewels, the changeable suits of apparel and the mantles and the wimples and the crisping pins, the glasses and the fine linen, and the hoods and the veils and it shall come to pass, that instead of a sweet smell there shall be stink, and instead of a girdle a rent, and instead of well set of hair, baldness. No need to bob it then. And instead of a stomacher, a girdle of sackcloth, and burning instead of beauty. Thy men shall fall by the sword, and thy mighty men in the war. And her gates shall lament and mourn, and she being desolate shall sit upon the ground. This description given by the Prophet Isaiah was the fashion plate of his time. It shows the awful pride, depravity, selfishness, worldliness that the women had sunk into at that day, just a short time before their captivity and dire suffering.

But listen to me once more: Our modern "fashion plate" is absolutely no improvement on that of Israel. In fact, it is more depraved, deplorable, abominable and sinful. Our fashion plate is shocking, insatiable, idolatrous, God-exclusive. Much of it is far beyond common decency. We are living in one of the greatest ages that the world has ever known, but we are rapidly approaching one of the greatest crises that the world will ever know. The manner in which that crisis is met will decide our destiny. Thru unbelief, pride, lust and other like sins, Egypt, Assyria, Medo-Persia, Greece and Rome lost their prestige and went down.

When any state legislators will grant a license and give a permit to an association in the name of religion as the "Damned Souls Association," when a body of police in a city like Chicago will grant a permit in a "red-light" district for women to expose their bodies denuded of clothing; when pagan temples are erected in this Christian republic, to say nothing of millions of vice holes in secret places, dead religion, worldliness, commercialism, pleasure-seeking, modernism, unbelief, atheism, lust and all most absolute ease in Zion, while multiplied millions are plunging into destruction, it looks very much as if we are, as a nation, approaching a dangerous point.

Just once more and I will bid you adieu for this time. Mothers listen, for God's sake, for Jesus' sake, for the Church's sake, for the nation's sake, for soul's sake, for your own sake, wake up from this delusive hypnotism of modern dress idolatry and adorn yourselves and daughters in modest apparel, which becometh women professing godliness. (Or the "born again" experience). 1 Tim. 2:9, 10.

Any one who professes to enjoy the "born again" experience, and especially holiness folks, who wear their dresses half way to their knees (to say nothing about wearing them to their knees) is a terrible comment on the tragedy of the Cross.

To say the least about this form of modernized dress, it is suggestive of evil, not only to the vile, unclean, low-down and out, but to the cultured, refined and moral man.

Mothers who allow their precious daughters to conform to such unchaste fashions, and daughters who persist in doing so, and the pastor who fails to preach against it are equally responsible for every daughter who goes to ruin on account of it. Shame on our Christian people, who have to have a screen placed before them when they go into the choir loft to worship God so their legs will not be exposed.

HAD A GLORIOUS TIME

ELECTRA, Tex. (July 30)—Things are looking good in Texas. We have set four churches in order this summer. We are making arrangements to go to our annual camp meeting, beginning this coming Thursday night. We are expecting a great time there.

We had a glorious time here at the Electra church last night in a communion and feet washing service. Sixty or seventy saints were in attendance. Pray for us here and espe-

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have fallen upon his face, and there would have been one of the tenderest pictures in all the Bible.

If ever there is a time when a man needs a word of sympathy and the warm clasp of the hand, it is when he has stepped the first time out of communion with his Lord, but the disciples did not encourage Peter and he turns away weary and broken-hearted. Suddenly they hear a crowd of people approaching, then Mary arrives. She has been over to the tomb of Jesus. She calls out, He is risen and has gone into Galilee and has sent word for His disciples to meet Him. I imagine as she speaks, the disciples make a rush toward Galilee to meet their Master, all except Peter. Poor broken-hearted man, he must have felt, O wretched man that I am. I am not included in the invitation. I am no longer a disciple. Then I imagine Mary, looking back to see if all of the disciples were gone, sees poor Peter, and then for the first time, she gives the invitation just as the angels gave it to her, and as the Lord gave it to the angels—He is risen as He said. Go tell His disciples AND PETER. Peter was the only man whose name was mentioned. The man who felt that he was no longer a disciple, was the only one who had the special invitation.

Dear friends, the Lord Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever, and He sends an invitation, it is the man or woman who has denied their Lord and is out of communion with Jesus. Jesus loved Peter because he had once been in fellowship and walked and talked with Him, and I thank God that He loves the backslider today. If you look the Bible thru, you will not find a harsh word for the backslider. Turn to the Lamentations of Jeremiah. It is return, return. And read the story of the prodigal son, it pictures God looking thru the telescope of His love, wanting His boy to come back home. There are just two words in the Bible for a man who is a backslider and these words are, come back.

I read a story of a young girl who had run away from home and was living a life of sin. Her mother asked a friend to help her find her daughter. He said give me all the pictures you have of yourself and I will find her. She brought to him her pictures and he just wrote beneath the sweet face of that mother, these words, "Come back," then took them down into the haunts of sin and left them. Not long after, the daughter saw the face of her dear mother. At first she could not see the words beneath it, but she brushed away the tears and looked and these words were "Come back." So she went back to her home and when she put her hand on the latch, the door was already open and she stepped in. Her mother with her arms around her, said, "My dear child, the door has never been fastened since you left." That is true with God. The door of mercy is ever open to us. So dear friends, I lift up before you today, the sweetest face this world ever knew. The prophets tried to tell about it, they said it was fairer than the sons of men and altogether lovely. And just below that face I write these words, "Come back." Dear friends, come back to the fold before it is too late. The period of youth is slipping away from you into the sea of life. There are two great powers claiming your attention, the power of pleasure and wealth, and the power and weight of eternity. Your soul is pleading for salvation from the threatening waves of sin. You must decide this matter. Oh, heed the pleadings of your soul, unbuckle the belt of pleasures from around you, and buckle on the life preserver, Jesus Christ, and though storms may come, yet in the end you will land safely on the other shore where loved ones will meet and greet you and angels will rejoice, and best of all, God will crown you with immortal glory and honor.

Dear young people, it is well enough to be fitted for this life, but be wise in all your actions pertaining to the things of life, and whatever you do, don't fail to think of God and the things that count, for the things of this world will fade away, pleasures are but for a season, money may perish but service to God will grow brighter and brighter as the years go by. Oh, that you could learn this lesson, learn it while under the home roof, while starting in life, and then for God's sake and for the sake of your soul and for the sake of dear loved ones, never depart from the good advice and training of that good and kind old father and that precious, loving, sweet mother. My son keep thy father's commandments and forsake not the law of thy mother. Prov. 6:20. For I give you good doctrine, forsake ye not my laws. Prov. 4:2. In all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thy paths. Prov. 3:6. Oh dear unbelieving soul, come home to your loving heavenly Father. Why longer stay in sin? Come while you have a special invitation. Go tell His disciples AND PETER.

cially these young churches. We went over to Haskell about ninety miles from here a week or ten days ago and instructed the people three nights and brought back home four applications for membership, which we joyfully received. Several others over there are looking our way. With a revival there, just after the camp meeting, we are sure of a church at that place.—S. J. Wood.

THE ABOUNDING GRACE OF GOD

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says "Ha, Ha, you thought you were saved but look at these." You can just answer, "The blood of Jesus Christ cleanses from all sin," he will get out in a hurry. If you want to make the devil run just talk about the blood. I have met numbers of holiness professors who could not tell me anything about the efficacy of the blood. Now God has a purpose in justifying us. He justifies us that He might sanctify us. Justification brings us to where we can see Holiness. The cleansing efficacy of Christ's blood offered without spot to God, is sufficient to purge the very conscience from dead works and reach the very soul defiled with sin. Renew the soul in righteousness and true Holiness.

Just as His vicarious death was offered without spot to God, He can so purify the heart that it will be without spot or wrinkle, and mark you, the recipient of a pure heart receives it by faith in the blood of Christ and no other way. The kind of faith implied in our text climbs over ceremonies, ordinances and theories, symbols, types and shadows and stops at nothing short of the throne room on high, has audience with God and receives the application of the BLOOD, and is actually made a partaker of HIS Holiness, which is the imparted righteousness of Christ. This faith brings us into the experience of being as Holy and clean in this world as we will be in Heaven a million years from now. Of course this faith runs right into the double cure, or heart purity, the experience so many Christian professors stand in need of today. Obedience and faith bring us into the realm of knowledge. The blood is efficacious. How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God. Heb. 9:14.

Purged conscience is one that is pure. This Scripture teaches that the sacrifice of the old dispensation could not purge the conscience and take away the guilt and defilement of sin, but at best, sanctify to the purifying of the flesh, that is, free man from ceremonial uncleanness, and typify and point to the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

This faith does not mean simply reformation and a religious profession, it includes these, but is deeper, yea, deeper than that. It means more than giving up worldly habits such as giving up tobacco and whiskey and laying aside jewelry and worldly attire. It goes deeper and so transforms the soul and captivates the will, that everything contrary to God's will is abandoned and abhorred. You cannot stop a saloon by tearing down the sign boards, nor reform a peacock by pulling out his tail feathers. Both instances demand an internal work. Get the saloon-keeper right, and down goes his sign boards and his business stops. Get the strut out of the peacock and down goes his tail. Just so with this experience, down goes the peacock of pride in your heart, and the sign boards of the world.

Oh how men need to go deeper than the flesh, the outside. Some try to locate sin in the material flesh. The words flesh and body, in Scripture, are used to mean men's unsanctified, carnal nature. The hand or foot of a man can no more sin than the house he lives in or the dagger he strikes with. It is just as ridiculous to talk of sin in the body of flesh as to talk of it in his boots, clothes or carriage. You just as well hang winchesters for murder and cut off the hands for murder and forgery as to try to locate sin in the muscle and bones. But when one becomes justified by faith, thru the cleansing blood of Calvary's Lamb, he can sing a new song.

"Twas grace that taught my heart to fear

And grace my fears relieved,
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed.

Again,
Yes, when this heart and flesh shall fail,

And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within this veil
A life of joy and peace.

Some things to beware of: Of evil speaking. It will damage you and others as well. The unmarried should avoid marriage to the ungodly. It hampers you and displeases God. Beware of uniting with worldly clubs and lodges. You will regret it sooner or later. Too great intimacy with the opposite sex. This has shorn many a Samson of his strength, ruined many in this world and the next, and caused the enemy of the Kingdom of God to dance a jubilee. Beware of endorsing worldliness in the Church. The wrongs there need your protest and not your endorsement. Beware of leaving the Church because some one in it is not sanctified. Better stay there and tell them of the abounding grace of God and the double cure for sin. Beware of condemning those who differ with you. Sanctification makes people love alike, but not always to think alike. Beware of being led by sudden ridiculous impressions, which come to all of us, but invariably will lead to wild fanaticism. Beware of quenching the Spirit and grieving the infinite God, which will soon lead to dead formalism. Beware, beware, I say, of under-rating the grand and

THE LORD CAN HEAL OUR CHILDREN

CAWOOD, Ky. (July 2)—I thank the Lord this morning for His great power. One day He saved my soul, sanctified me and filled me with the blessed Holy Ghost.

Sister Hatcher conducted a revival at this place and the Lord certainly blest. We thank the Lord for a few saints at this place who are on fire for Him. Nineteen were saved, seven sanctified and three received the Holy Ghost and spoke in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. We thank the Lord for our pastor, B. H. Enix, he feeds our souls on the Word of God. The Lord can heal when we get sick. He has healed our children when they were sick. I ask everyone who reads this to pray that my husband may receive the Holy Ghost in this revival, he is hungry for it. Pray that the Lord will continue to bless and save souls. Your sister in Christ.—Mrs. Mintie Mitchell.

Do All In The Name Of The Lord

MILLVILLE, Fla.—I would like to praise the Lord, as I feel the Spirit moving on me now. O, if I could find words to express the glory in my soul! I have been trying to tell it for twenty years, but I can only say it is joy unspeakable and full of glory, and I feel the glory now. For many years I preached in the Pentecostal ranks, but for most three years I have been in the Church of God. I saw that this was the name for His Church, and I believe in walking according to all God's Word, for we find in Ps. 18:30 "As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the Lord is true. He is a buckler to all those that trust in Him, for who is God, save the Lord? Or who is a rock save our God? The Lord surely did put His approval on my coming into the Church, for the glory and power of God was showered all around, and the saints shouted and danced in the Spirit, praise the Lord. And as I would meditate on this afterwards such a calmness would come over my soul. Now others of my Christian brethren have come into the Church, and others still I believe will come. Matthew. 18:20. Jesus said, For where two or three are gathered together in my name there I am in the midst of them. Also in John 14:14, If ye shall ask anything in my name I will do it. In all our petitions or request to God, it should be, in Jesus' name, or the Lord. And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up. God's Word gives us the promise and brings faith into our hearts, for what we ask. Jesus said if a man love me he will keep my words, John. 14, 15. And we find in Col. 3:17 whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him. May we be as the Psalmist David, said Ps. 119:105. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. We ask the saints to pray for us.—O. C. Newson.

glorious work of regeneration, which comes by faith thru the BLOOD. These are the first essential parts of the great Holiness temple. Beware of levity and foolish jokes. Religious joy is one thing and worldly fun another. The first is sunlight and the last is fox fire. Beware of secret habits which sap the soul's life.

Now remember: That we must keep the facts of consecration and confiding established, and then stick to facts and not go by feelings. We walk by faith. Remember that while these two facts remain, you have the double cure in the abounding grace of God, and He will give you all the feelings that are good for you, and the glory of God. Remember that if your faith should lapse or Satan trip you up, fly at once to the BLOOD. Remember that if no one knows it but you and God, you need not confess to anyone but Him. Remember that temptation must be resisted, and Jesus trusted to defeat the devil, that secret prayer, holy devotion and reading of the Word is soul food, and will always be rewarded in testimony or public prayer. Remember that Satan will seek to get your eyes off of Jesus and on yourself or great ones or bad ones. It is as easy to get your eyes on some great one and under estimate your ability as to get your eyes on some hypocrite and lose your zeal. Loyalty to the Church does not compel you to endorse worldly schemes in it for the purpose of raising money or furnishing amusement. Satan will try to tone you down and cool you off in an iceberg or run you off in the sea of fanaticism. Remember that any impression which does not strictly conform to the Word of God is not from above. Remember that if Satan cannot puff you up with presumption, he will try to defeat you by discouragement. Now where sin abounds, GRACE doth much more abound. Hallelujah to the Lamb.

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OBITUARIES

RIGSBY

The death angel visited the home of Brother and Sister Jim Rigby on the eighth day of March and took their sweet baby boy, Henry Edden. They loved him, but God loved him better. All was done for little Henry that loving hands could do, but God knew better and took him home to be with his other two brothers. They are waiting for papa and mamma, brother and sister to come up higher where there will be no unbroken family, if all are true here. We have no hopes of little Henry coming back, but we can go to him. He was laid to rest in the Scoot cemetery to await the resurrection.—One who loved him, Mae Wood, Rayville, La.

BEEN

The death angel visited the home of Brother Alfred Been and called his loving wife, Sister Susan Been, away. She testified to living a clean life from the time she was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and said she was determined to hold out to the end.

She leaves to mourn her departure, eight sisters, one brother, a father and a host of friends. We prayed for her but the Lord saw fit to call her home.—John Forbes, Blue Hills, B.W. I.

IN MEMORY OF MY MOTHER

Mother's gone to glory,
To be with angels fair;
Some day I hope to meet her
In that land so bright and fair.

Yes, mother dear, I am coming,
With Jesus my dear friend;
He said He would take me over,
To that bright, beautiful land.

Oh mother, my mother,
So loving, kind and true;
I long to go and be
With Jesus and you.

You told us of Jesus,
Our Savior so dear;
And of a place called Heaven
Where we'll never know fear.

Seems I can hear my Savior saying,
Welcome, children, well done,
As they sweep into that city
Each a starry life-crown won.

I want to be like mother,
When I am old and gray,

I want to have the same sweet smile
That mother had each day.

I hope to have her gentle voice,
So soft and sweet and low;
I'd rather be like mother
Than any one I know.

I hope I have expressive eyes
Like hers, that seem to say,
I love you, my dear children,
Every moment of the day.

I hope my hair is silver gray,
And wavy on each side;
If I can be like mother,
I will be satisfied.—Lillie Williams.

BROWN

On Friday night, April 20, 1928 we met at Sister Benson's home for prayer service. Sister Annie Brown from Hamer, S. C. was there. We were all glad to see her. She said she came to speak to the people. She laughed and talked before service; all seemed to be joyful. She helped in the beginning of the service; sang and prayed. She said she wanted to see Jesus' smiling face. When we started to pray the second time, she gave a request for all to pray for her and for her children that she had left behind, that they all would be saved and meet in Heaven. As she was praying, she fell dead. As two sisters raised her to put her on the bed, she struggled one time and never breathed any more.

She leaves to mourn her departure, four boys, three girls, a mother, one sister and other relatives and friends. We weep not as those who have no hope for we all feel that she is resting in Heaven. The funeral service was conducted by Brother J. H. Daniels and her body was laid to rest in the Rose Hill Cemetery to await the coming of Jesus. Sister Brown had said that she wanted to die in a holiness meeting, praying. She loved the Church of God.

Sleep on dear sister,
And take thy rest,
Some day we will meet you
In the land of the blest.

To part from mother is hard,
Her prayers cannot be heard;
No one in the home can pray
But we hope to meet her some day

God grant the request that she made,
That her children all be saved;
She was saved, sanctified, filled with
the Holy Ghost
Now she has gone to be with the
heavenly host.

Children be ready and don't fear,
We all want to meet her in the air.
Her sister in Christ, N. R.

Church Made Stronger In Two Ways

BLAIRSVILLE, Ga. (Aug. 2)—A meeting began at Owltown, July 21st with Brother John Burk of Lyley in charge. The Lord surely did help him to give out the Word in power and purity. People were held spell-bound by the mighty power of God. Brother Burk did some deep preaching on the Church. The saints were built up in a wonderful way, and all seemed to feel encouraged to press on till Jesus comes or calls. The altar was full every service. Several were saved, some sanctified, eleven received the Holy Ghost, for which we praise the Lord. Six came in the Church and more to follow. We thank the Lord for sending Brother Burk to Owltown, we thank the Lord for a man that will preach the whole counsel of God, for we feel that our little church is stronger spiritually and financially for he preached strong on tithes. Thy sister for lost souls.—Mattie B. Rich.

MEANS MUCH TO BE A CHRISTIAN

LAKE WALES, Fla.—I thank and praise God for victory in my soul tonight. I want to praise God for His wonderful healing power. Now I have promised the dear Lord several times if He would heal me by laying on the Evangel that I would testify to it thru the paper, and after I would get well I failed to keep my word, but praise God I mean to keep my word this time.

I have had salvation almost seven years and God has always been my healer. O so many times I had pneumonia, spinal meningitis, double pneumonia, high blood pressure and pellagra, and God has wonderfully healed me every time. Bless His name! I can never praise Him enough for what He has done for me. He is so kind and forgiving. He is so merciful. I am so thankful because God is equal to every occasion. He is always near. He neither sleeps nor slumbers. Psa. 121:4. My husband had acute indigestion and it looked like he would not live, the saints prayed for him and he did not get much better, but praise God, we just held on and put the paper on him in the name of Jesus and he was healed. When we fail to be healed it is on our part and not God's part. O I love to trust and serve God. I get some persecutions along the way, but Jesus was persecuted. Some say I wear my dresses too long and will not bob my hair, they also want me to use some rouge. But I thank God for the day I left Egypt, and I am now in Canaan's land. I do not care for the flesh pots of Egypt any more, for God's Word says to adorn ourselves in modest apparel etc. which becometh women professing godliness. 1 Tim. 2:9, 10.

It means much to be a Christian, and it seems that fashion and pride is creeping into the great Church of God. Women are not as careful about the way they dress as they should be. O come on saints and coworkers for God and His great Cause that we all love and cherish so much, and let us lift up a clean and high standard to this old world that is reeling and rocking in sin. We must not lower the standard. If we dress, walk and talk and live like the worldly people do, can we expect to be soul winners for Christ? O we say we love Him. If we do, let us prove it to the world by our daily life. It makes no difference how big we can preach or how loud we say "Glory," or how long we may testify, if we fail to have charity we are nothing. O let us pray for more love, let the love of God win. We have many preachers who go out to beat and knock and cuff the sinners and other denominations, but what God needs most in His vineyard is true blue, real Church of God preachers, filled with the real love of God, those who can preach with love and leave off frivolous jokes and yarns to make people laugh. O it is time to be careful what we do and say. The Word says "That ye may be blameless." We should be so careful. "If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man." Jas. 3:2. O Lord help us to be more careful how we speak, realizing our conversation is in Heaven. Phil. 3:20.

I just want to get more like Jesus every day and be ready to meet Him, for surely He is coming soon. It means that it is almost time for the Rapture, and I get so homesick for Heaven, it seems that I can hardly wait for His coming, but I feel so burdened for the lost. So many are out of the ark of safety. I fear there are too many of God's people at ease in Zion. Let us pray as never before.—Mrs. G. B. Langford, Rt. A.

A WARNING TO MONEY - LOVERS

NOCATEE, Fla. (Aug. 1)—Fifteen years ago I wrote to the Evangel, telling the blessings God has bestowed upon me. I was a little girl eleven years of age, saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. My trials began with the school children persecuting me. For a time I upheld my religion and would tell them about God. I went to visit an aunt of mine. She took me to my first movie. I felt condemned over it, and then was when I began drifting away from God. When I finished school at home, (which was Junior High) I went to stay with my aunt and finish high school. It was during the World War and we attended the military dances and all the school socials, for worldly pleasure and pride had full sway with me. I finally joined the Baptist church. The devil had me so deluded, in that he made me believe that I did not know what I was doing when I was a child shouting and speaking in tongues. I doubted the Spirit of God. I graduated from High School at seventeen years of age and two years later married. During the seven years of our married life, God blessed us with four little children. My husband's trade was sawing, but trial after trial came upon us until we could never get ahead with this world's goods. His work was in Ohio. We made three different trips up there. My health was bad because I could not stand the climate. I pleaded with him to give up his job and return to Florida to live, but love of money kept him there. One morning two and one half years ago he was brought in from work unconscious. He had seven convulsions and

LET US WALK IN THE LIGHT

HUFFMAN, Ark. (July 22)—I want to do the will of our Lord, so I feel it my duty to write. Sometimes we let things slip by that have been revealed unto us, so we have just lost out that much and God wants us to tell what has been revealed unto us, that others may see the light. If we are in the light, let us walk in the light.

Now what I want to bring out is this: I have seen some writings and heard some talk on the neglected widows. Tim. 5:9. Let not a widow be taken into the number under three-score years old, having been the wife of one man. Now the mystery of it is—what are we going to take her into? Some say the Church, but brother listen, it says, But the younger widows refuse. Tim. 5:11. Why refuse them? Don't they have a perfect right to come into the great Church of God? Yes, but there is something that they must not be taken into. Why? Because when they begin to wax wanton against Christ they will marry. Tim. 5:11. Then, let us see what we can find not to take them into. Turn with me to the 6th chapter of Acts 1st verse. And in those days when the number of the disciples was multiplied there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected. Then we find the twelve called the multitude of disciples unto them and said, "It is not reason that we should leave the Word of God and serve tables." Now we see this is a business matter, one that requires men of good standing with the Lord. Now we also see this is a business different from the Church. Tim. 5:16. If any man or woman that believeth have widows, let not the church be charged that it may relieve them that are widows indeed. Wherefore brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. Now if there is none to look after those who have no kinfolks then it falls upon the Church of God to take up the matter. Why look out seven men of honest report full of the Holy Ghost to look after this business? Because it was very important. There must have been a meeting called and plans laid to make ready for to take care of the widows, as those seven came together and laid their plans. It included a widow's home in connection with the Church of God. Now what sort of a widow must she be to be taken in? She must be three-score years old, having been the wife of one man, well reported of for good works. If she has relieved the afflicted, if she has diligently followed every good work. Now what sort of good works must it be? She must be well reported of for good works. If she has brought up children, if she has washed the saints' feet. Listen, if it so requires the poor widows to wash the saints' feet just to get into the widow's home, how much more we ought to be obedient unto every good work. Some say it was only for the twelve, but why does the poor widow have to fill this requirement. I am glad this same Scripture gave me the light on feet washing, but pardon me—back to the subject, if she relieved the afflicted; if she has diligently followed every good work, it makes her a fit subject for the widow's home. But the younger widows refuse. Why should we refuse them? Because they are young and it

stands to reason when they have no man companion they begin to lose their love for God for they begin to wax wanton against Christ, then they begin to go from house to house of the Church, which was set in order by the seven, not only as idle but tattlers also and busybodies speaking things which they ought not, no doubt carrying news which is not truth. So we find Paul instructing Timothy to encourage the younger widows to marry, keep a nice house and to bear children. We also have other Scriptures that will give light on the care of the widows. John 19:26, 27. When Jesus therefore saw his mother and the disciples standing by whom He loved, He said, unto His mother, Woman behold thy son! Then said He to the disciples, Behold thy mother, and from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home. This was the first mother's home—the mother of our Christ, which is the mother of us all—the great Church of God, the bride of Christ, when she is fully set in order.—Robert Maxwell.

lay unconscious four days. Since then he has tried the best doctors and specialists in Ohio. Finally he went out to Rochester, Minn. to Mayo Brothers' Hospital. They x-rayed him all over and could find no excuse for these convulsions. They pronounced it epileptic fits and there was no cure. While we were in Ohio I lived in fear of these attacks. Our home was so wrecked. One of these attacks struck him at 5:00 o'clock one morning. No one was with me, except the children. I ran screaming outside in the bitter cold of January, calling for help. We came back to Florida this past March penniless, and with him afflicted with the most terrible disease known to mankind, depending on our relatives for support. Two weeks ago we attended a holiness revival at Wauchula. He asked for prayer and was saved. On Friday night while the minister was preaching, one of these attacks came upon him. The minister called on the saints to pray for him. They all gathered around him and prayed, rebuking the devil. The power began to fall. I was sitting by him praying for him, and the power struck me and I had no control of myself. All doubts vanished and a thrill of deep conviction pierced my soul. I went to the altar, calling on God. My husband is not yet healed, but I want all the saints to pray, pray, pray for him to be healed and both of us to be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. We are attending all the holiness meetings we have a chance to attend, and I am praying to God to deliver us. He has been so merciful to us in sparing our lives when death has knocked so many times at our door. I would always go to my Bible when these trials would come and these words would always comfort me, "Fear thou not, for I am with thee." Saints, pray for me that I will have more faith, and may this message be a warning to all those that drift away from God.—Florrie Jones.

The Lord Can Do The Work

CARBUR, Fla. (June 12)—I am thanking and praising God this a. m. for being so good to me. He has saved me and sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost and put a desire in my heart to go on and do something for my blessed Savior, who has done so much for me. He has healed my body many times and I know He will do anything we ask of Him that is reasonable, if we only believe, for I always find it that way. O what a wonderful Savior we have, who will save people after they get old, and when He gets hold of anyone they know about it. I surely do praise Him for all He has done for me. I want to see others pray thru. I have loved ones in sin and who don't know the Lord. I ask the prayers of all who pray to help me pray conviction on them. We know the Lord will do the work for His Word is true and He is no respecter of persons, bless His name! My request is for power to overcome all the dark trials of this life and to be able to overcome everything that would bring a reproach on the cause. I am praising God for the light on the dear old Church of God. I do thank God for the few that have learned of this good old highway and for the good prayers that are heard and answered when we are sick. Thank God for all. The Church has been pressed for the last while and I want to see the work grow and prosper. Pray for me.—Georgie Bunns.

Had Great Confidence In The Lord

ESTELL SPRINGS, Tenn. (July 10)—I want to praise the dear Lord thru the Evangel for healing our baby. She took sick last Wednesday afternoon and was real sick. I promised God if He would heal her I would testify to it thru the paper. My husband had a handkerchief he had sent to Brother Rouse to pray for himself and knowing God has all power, we laid it on our baby and just trusted God and the next morning she was all right. Glory to Jesus. He is such a wonderful Savior. Dear saints, pray for our home that we will live humble to God and do His will.—Mrs. Lee Swinford.

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TENNESSEE STATE CONVENTION

The Tennessee State Convention of the Churches of God was held at Knoxville, Tenn., July 25 to 29 inclusive. This was truly a good convention.

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The message from time to time seemed to be timely and many rich things were spoken. The entertainment committee did excellent work and the folks responded in opening their homes and taking care of those from a distance. We were truly glad to have some present from out of this state.

Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, both those who were entertained and those doing the entertaining. We are sure the memories of the 1928 Tennessee State Convention will live for many days. We think the folks of Knoxville will be glad to have the next State Convention here.

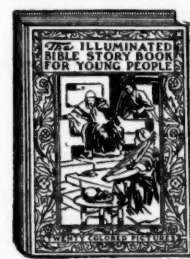
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derful discourse by Brother L. C. Davis of Huntington, W. Va., subject, "God is love," then the churches reported as their names were called. Each seemed to have some good things to report. While some reported an increase, others were holding their own with victory in their souls and unity in the Church, for which I truly praise the Most High God.

Service closed near 4:30 to open again at 7:30. With a sweetness still lingering which would be hard for me to express with words, the saints observed sacrament and feet washing, with a sermon by the writer, relating to the sacrament and feet washing.

While we enjoyed the presence, power and glory of God and His dear Son, we also enjoyed some special songs by Brother and Sister Rumlal and also by the Basden sisters. Their good songs and music, along with all the other good things, made the day a day of glory and blessings. Yours under the precious blood of Jesus.—Laud L. Vaught, District Overseer.



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